

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-26 (Canceled)

1 27. (Withdrawn) A seat belt retractor (20) characterized by low operating noise, and
2 increased dust, corrosion and moisture resistance comprising:
3 a one-piece frame having a quadrilaterally shaped main body (24) and at least
4 one mounting member (60) and including a first and a second mechanism housing wall
5 separated by a space (171) from the first mechanism housing wall.

1 28. (Withdrawn) The retractor as defined in Claim 27 including acoustic insulation
2 between the first and second mechanism housing walls.

1 29. (Previously presented) A seat belt retractor comprising:
2 a composite, reinforced resin frame with unitary formed feature to accept and
3 receive a spool and a quantity of seat belt webbing thereon, the frame capable of
4 withstanding an empty spool pull test of a first level of pull; and wherein
5 the retractor further includes force limiting means for limiting the forces applied to
6 the frame through the webbing to less than or equal to the first level.

1 30. (Previously presented) The retractor as defined in Claim 29 wherein the force
2 limiting means includes a torsion bar.

1 31. (New) The retractor as defined in Claim 29 wherein the frame comprises a one-
2 piece frame having a quadrilaterally shaped main body (24) and at least one mounting
3 member (60) and including a first and a second mechanism housing wall separated by a
4 space (171) from the first mechanism housing wall, a one-piece frame having a
5 quadrilaterally shaped main body (24) and at least one mounting member (60) and

6 including a first and a second mechanism housing wall separated by a space (171) from
7 the first mechanism housing wall.

1 32. (New) The retractor as defined in Claim 31 including acoustic insulation between
2 the first and second mechanism housing walls.

1 33. (New) The retractor as defined in Claim 29 wherein the frame supports the spool
2 for rotation about a first axis; a seat belt is wound on the spool; the frame includes a
3 lower mounting member (60) in the form of a narrow cavity received in a mounting
4 element of a mounting surface, the mounting element having a cross-section of similar
5 dimension to that of the cavity and adapted to be received within the cavity; when the
6 retractor is under load crash forces are absorbed by a torsion bar in combination with
7 the lower mounting member; the frame further including an upper mounting member
8 (160) configured to prevent upper portions of the frame from moving away from the
9 mounting surface.